



# TRINITY TIMES

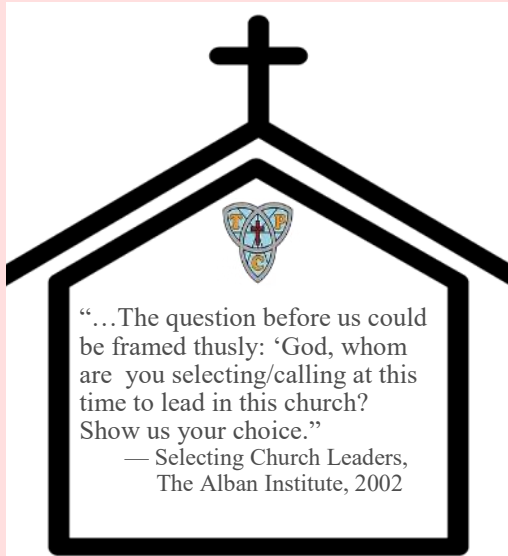


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## On Calling a Pastor - the Presbyterian and Spiritual Way

*This is what God says, the God who builds a road right through the ocean,  
who carves a path through pounding waves,  
The God who summons horses and chariots  
and armies—they lie down and then can't get up;  
"Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history.  
Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new.  
It's bursting out! Don't you see it? (Isaiah 43:16- 19 - The Message Bible)*



As we continue our journey to find new pastoral leadership for Trinity Presbyterian, the next few months will be exciting, tedious, joyful, spiritually fulfilling, frustrating, inspiring, and focused. The process is one of discernment and will challenge you as a congregation to listen closely for God's voice and direction on your mission and ministry during this new stage of the congregation's life.

It is my prayer you all will come together around the common goal of identifying who God is calling to serve your congregation as your next pastor. And this takes time and a "decently and in order" process.

Our *Book of Order* instructs us that "Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills." (Book of Order, F-1.0202).

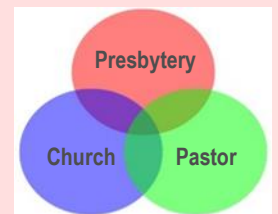
As Presbyterians we believe that God uses committees, procedures, and our polity, all built on the foundation of a deep measure of prayer, Scripture, and worship, to help us discern who it is that God is calling to be your pastor. This call is confirmed as

the pastor, the church, and the presbytery each say "yes" to the relationship. This three-way partnership is acted out throughout the pastoral call process, with the presbytery having the primary responsibility for oversight of the process. "

So, my call as a transitional pastor is not only to provide pastoral leadership for worship and pastoral care as needed but to coordinate this threefold partnership only with guiding your discernment process. So, over the coming months I'll take time to reflect (what was), correct (change what isn't working), protect (maintain what is working), resurrect (revitalize the ministry) and envision (discover a new church identity).

Some of the most important work during this time will be assisting you all with the Congregational Mission Study. Understanding the nature of Trinity Presbyterian Church and your unique mission is essential before the search for a new pastor can begin. A mission study is basically asking three simple but profound questions: WHO ARE WE? WHO IS GOD CALLING US TO BE? WHERE IS GOD CALLING US TO GO? Having a good understanding of those questions will help you decide the type of leadership you will need in your new pastor as well as communicate your ministry narrative to prospective pastors discerning a call to Trinity.

And to help with this activity, your Session will soon appoint a Mission Study Committee to begin this process. It is my hope that the Mission Study Committee will join me in developing a discernment process that we will use during our 40 days of Lent. 40 days of faithful listening to gather your thoughts, feelings, insights, and discernment in who you are and who God is calling Trinity to be. Then *afterwards* we will come together as a church family for a "Gleaning Session" that I hope will be a big part of the Mission Study Report and to begin to understand and what type of pastor can lead us to answer this emerging call from God.



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Then during the month of May, the Mission Study Committee will try to complete the Mission Study Report and have Trinity's Session give their insights and approval. It is at this point Session will send this report to Missouri Union Presbytery's Commission on Ministry for their approval. If all goes well, and as planned, it is then Trinity will be able to nominate a Pastor Nominating Committee who can begin the process of being trained by the General Presbyter and COM liaison and writing the MDP (Ministry Discernment Profile). The MDP is basically a search tool that tries to match up the churches hopes, dreams, and call with a pastor's hopes, dreams, and call.

Like I said at the beginning, this call process will be exciting, tedious, joyful, spiritually fulfilling, frustrating, inspiring, and focused. It's a time to open ourselves to the work of the Spirit who will guide, nudge, inspire, and inform us in our journey toward finding Trinity's new emerging pastoral leadership. I hope you will join me in listening to God and responding to his invitation to be part of this holy season of discernment.

**Rev. Ronnie Osborn, Transitional Pastor**

## February Worship Schedule

\* **Sunday, February 2, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

\* **Sunday, February 9, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

\* **Sunday, February 16, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
Preaching: Rev. Kathie Jackson

\* **Sunday, February 23, 2025 10:30 a.m.**  
Preaching: Rev. Ronnie Osborn

\* In person service *and* live-streamed on Facebook. Videos of the previous Sunday's worship service are posted on Trinity's website by Tuesday afternoon each week. Go to <https://www.trinity-presbyterian.org/archives>



## Sunday School Classes

9:15-10:10 a.m.

Classes for all ages,  
kindergarten through adult.

Please join us!



The hunger for love is much  
more difficult to remove than  
the hunger for bread.  
Mother Teresa

Share the  
*love of Christ*  
on Valentine's Day.

## Meet Our Newest Members, Brad & Debbie Calder



Session welcomed Brad and Debbie Calder into membership at the January 21, 2025 stated meeting. Brad and Debbie began attending Trinity last fall. They are transferring their membership from First Presbyterian in Fulton.

Brad has "always been" a Presbyterian and was ordained as a Deacon. He is a retired nurse and respiratory therapist. Brad enjoys biking, walking, hiking, sports, collecting and visiting National Parks. Before retiring, Debbie worked for 23+ years for University Physicians in the area of healthcare reimbursement. Her interests include sewing, counted cross-stitch, and quilting. She also enjoys traveling and biking scenic trails. Debbie is an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

We're delighted to have Brad and Debbie as Trinity's newest members. Please be sure and welcome them when you see them on Sunday.

## Mission and Movie Day Coming Right Up! Friday, February 7 Columbia Public Schools has an early release day

First Presbyterian Church is inviting our students in **kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade** to a "Mission and Movie" afternoon. Children and youth are invited to participate in mission projects and other activities from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per participant.

Families are invited to join the students at 5:00 p.m. for pizza and a movie. Cost for the meal and movie is only \$5 (no additional cost for the child if they attended the day program). Children and youth must be accompanied by a parent/guardian during the dinner and movie portion. The movie will be Disney's "BFG."



Afternoon signup <https://forms.gle/PeYFfgUsYzHPfgAW7>  
Dinner & Movie signup <https://forms.gle/GimgYjKvarhvotAx9>

## Souper Sundays February 2 and February 9

It's becoming a Trinity Presbyterian Church tradition to use the buzz around February football to bring attention to the folks in our community who are struggling with food insecurity. They're often making a choice between buying food or paying for medications. Buying food or paying rent.

**From February 2- February 9 you'll find a Food Bank barrel in the Church narthex. Let's fill it to the brim!**

Please bring non-perishable items in non-breakable containers. (Homemade or home-canned items cannot be accepted.)

Sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Committee

**In order of importance:**

- Peanut Butter**
- Canned Fruit**
- Canned Entries:** Ravioli, Soups, Chili
- Canned Protein:** Beans, Chicken, Tuna
- Canned Veggies**



**Checks may be written, if you'd like the Food Bank to purchase fresh items. Make the checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church with "Food Bank" written in the memo line.**

### WAYS TO GIVE:

You can make financial gifts to Trinity electronically by using the Vanco Mobile Church app. It only takes a few minutes to set up your personal, secure account. Download the Vanco Mobile Church app to your phone or tablet from either Google Play or the App Store; or use the "Give Now" button at the top of Trinity's website homepage, and complete the request information.

Checks may also be sent to Trinity Presbyterian Church, c/o Ann Bouchard, 1600 W. Rollins Rd., Columbia, MO 65203. Please contact Ann at the church office if you have any questions (573)442-1164, or [abouchard@trinity-presbyterian.org](mailto:abouchard@trinity-presbyterian.org).



### Presbyterian Youth Triennium



**The Missouri Union Presbytery is sending a delegation of youth and Adult Advisors to Triennium, this summer, July 28-31.**

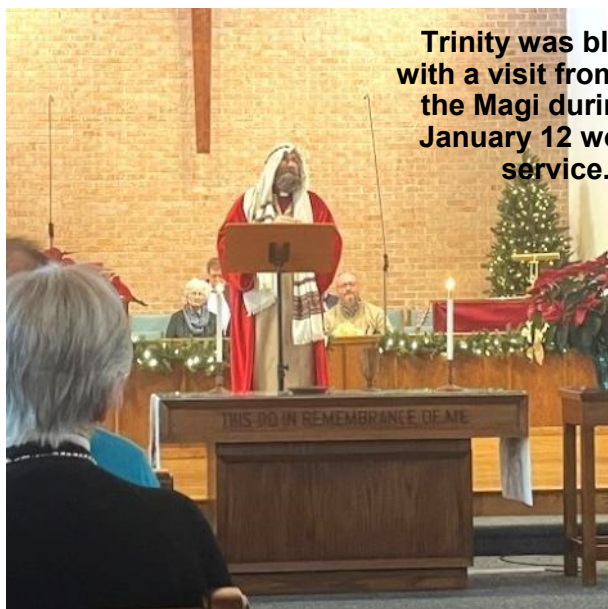
Triennium is an ecumenical event hosted by the Presbyterian Church


(USA) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, gathering high school-aged young people every three years. This event focuses on worship, decision-making, Christian compassion and justice, and Biblical/theological education. Triennium has served as a catalyst for many young people to take the next steps in their faith.

The 2025 Triennium will take place in Louisville, Kentucky. All youth who are entering freshmen through graduated seniors in high school are welcome.

Audra West from First Presbyterian Church is serving as the MUP Registrar. **Registrations are due March 15, 2025.** If your students want to attend, or for more information, please contact Chris Sheriff 573-489-1783.

**Trinity was blessed with a visit from one of the Magi during the January 12 worship service.**



  
 IS PATIENT • IS KIND  
 DOES NOT ENVY • DOES NOT BOAST  
 • IS NOT PROUD •  
 1 COR. CHAPTER 13



## Trinity News

Be a "Joiner". Build connections by joining one of these small groups:



**Fiber Fellowship** - Meets the 4th Saturday of the month, (February 22) 10:00 a.m. - noon, in the Youth Room. Bring your needle-crafts, or see page 5 in this newsletter for another option. Karen Neely and Chris Sheriff are contacts.

**Geocaching** - Delbert Botes and Chris Sheriff are contacts.

**Dining Out** - Lunch on February 9th. Would love to see you. Cathy and Larry Holder are contacts. See the article below for details



**Men's Breakfast** - Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month (February 12) at 8 a.m. JJ's Cafe on 1712 N. North Providence Road. All men of Trinity are invited.

**Senior Singles** - Arranges activities 6-8 times a year. Contact the church office to be put on the email list.

**Mahjong Group** - Meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Karen Kennedy is the contact.

**Women's Coffee Group** - Meets the second Friday of each month (February 14th, yes Valentines Day!) to socialize at Love Coffee on the Business Loop, 9:30 am. All women are invited!

### February News for Presbyterian Women



BRRR!! Hope it's warmer in February when Circles will meet!!

**Evening Circle** will meet at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on February 4; and will be discussing Chapter 6 "Climate Change" in the *Let Justice Roll Down Study*.

**Afternoon Circle** will meet February 5, at 1:00 p.m. in room 12. Since it was cancelled in January, we will discuss last month's Lesson 5 "Air Quality" and decide about future lessons.

I hope we can all make it to circle this time. If you have any questions about joining a circle, please call me at 573-447-0552.

Blessings and Valentine's Greetings to all!



Charlotte Larrick  
PW Coordinator



### Trinity Library Book Highlight with Marianne Fues, Trinity Librarian

#### **Faith Beyond Borders : Doing Justice In A Dangerous World** by Don Mosley with Joyce Hollyday

The establishment of Jubilee Partners to work with refugees *evolved from Koinonia Farm and Habitat For Humanity*. "Those who live and work at Jubilee are attuned to the realities of Jubilee and about how much God has blessed them." Families who first came to Jubilee were often scarred by war and extreme hunger, by torture camps and prisons from sixteen countries in 2009. They began worshipping, playing games, chatting with one another, eating together at the Jubilee community in NE Georgia.

Some people arriving at Jubilee would express bewilderment at their experiences. Not understanding the fact of being friends with neighbors without any regard for ethnic backgrounds. Then 'ethnic cleansing' breaking out among them. Many stories from immigrants about their lives are included. The book celebrates what has been and anticipates what is yet to come. It is about walking by faith and putting faith into action.

#### Mark your calendar

#### Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.



As we prepare our hearts for Lent, let's join together for a Pancake and Sausage Supper on Tuesday, March 4, from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall hosted by the Fellowship Committee.

Come at anytime and stay as long as you want. A free-will donation will be accepted.

#### Interest Group Forming

If you are concerned about recent Executive Actions regarding migrants and our LGBTQ+ siblings, join us for an informal group. We can talk about our concerns and how we might respond as members of the Body of Christ.

Please contact Chris Sheriff (573-489-1783) to express your interest and we will move forward from there.

#### Dining Out Group



Our new Dining Out Group recently met for the first time, braving the cold weather to gather for lunch at Dickie's Barbecue. We enjoyed each other's company, the food, and the break from the monotony of January.

We plan to meet again on February 9th for lunch after church at a restaurant TBD. If you would like to join us, but haven't already signed up, just contact Cathy or Larry Holder. We'd love to see you!

## Opportunities For Service - God's Work, Our Hands

### Fiber Fellowship Teams Up with Operation School Bell®



Operation School Bell®, a program of the Assistance League of Mid-Missouri, provides new winter clothing and coats to children in pre-school through fifth grade in the Columbia Public Schools. Since the program's inception in 1997, tens of thousands of children have been served.

In 2023, members and friends of Trinity knitted and crocheted scarves for the program, donating over 200. This year, our Fiber Fellowship is coordinating a "cap drive," to make warm stocking caps for Operation School Bell®. Thanks to a generous gift, we have literally 100s of skeins of worsted weight yarn just waiting to be put to good use. You can use your own patterns, or take advantage of a pattern for a knitted cap that Christine Sheriff has shared. Contact her for yarn and the pattern.

Thanks as always for your generosity and willingness to serve. **If you would like a copy of the pattern ahead of time please email: [newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org](mailto:newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org)**



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We are looking forward to serving next on  
**Thursday, February 13**  
**4:30 to 5:45 p.m.**

Please use the link sent out in the Friday emails to sign up to donate food items or to serve. We are always grateful for monetary donations as well.

Donated food items need to be dropped off at Trinity by 2:30 and those helping to serve will need to be at the Ashley Street Center by 3:30 p.m. for prep work.

Please call Susan or Bob Winkelmann if you have questions.

### Simple Ways to Serve at Trinity in 2025



Here are **a dozen** ways you can help out at Trinity in this new year:

- ⇒ Provide and serve the after-worship refreshments on a Sunday morning (sign up at the kiosk in the lobby);
- ⇒ Provide a simple flower arrangement for a Sunday morning worship service (sign up at the kiosk in the lobby);
- ⇒ Add your name to the rotation to usher for Sunday worship (contact Ted Groshong);
- ⇒ Provide food for and/or serve (3:30-6:00 p.m.) at Loaves and Fishes on the second Thursday of the month (sign up at link sent in Friday email);
- ⇒ Serve a shift at The Wardrobe on the third Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (sign up at the kiosk or contact Anne Seymour);
- ⇒ Sing in the choir (rehearsals at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays);
- ⇒ Join the audio-visual team (contact Bill Kennedy);
- ⇒ Take pictures of church events (and send them to the church office);
- ⇒ Help shovel the Rollins Rd. sidewalks when it snows (contact Bill Kennedy or Odell Newkirk);
- ⇒ Prepare a meal for someone (contact Jane Crow).
- ⇒ Help with summer yard work — mowing, planting, weeding, watering (contact Odell Newkirk);
- ⇒ Provide occasional help in the church office.

### The Wardrobe:

**Columbia's all volunteer, non-profit thrift store**

A monthly sign up form for volunteers is on the kiosk in the church narthex, or volunteers can call Anne Seymour.



*Trinity's day to work is*  
**Wednesday, February 19**  
*and volunteers are needed for the*  
**11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift.**

## Trinity News

### Highlights from the January Session Meeting

Session Meeting

The first meeting of the new year began joyfully as session welcomed new members Brad and Debbie Calder (see writeup on page 2 of this newsletter).

Other items:

- ◆ Heard thoughts from Rev. Osborn about creating a more formalized process for engaging visitors and preparing them for membership;
- ◆ Reviewed thank you notes from Bread for the World, Agape House, Voluntary Action Center, and the Food Bank for recent donations and from the Shape Note Singers for allowing them to meet at Trinity. A note was also received from Office Assistant Debbie Newkirk thanking Session for her Christmas bonus.
- ◆ Were informed that Rev. Kathie Jackson will preach at Trinity on Sunday, February 16.
- ◆ Were informed that the 2025 Session retreat is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 22.
- ◆ Approved Elder Debbie Newkirk to serve as Trinity's elder-commissioner to the February 22 presbytery meeting in Jefferson City.
- ◆ Approved the following officers of the corporation for 2025: President: Susan Winkelmann, Clerk; Vice-President: Elinor Arendt; Chair of Property; Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Neely, Chair of Stewardship and Finance. (Trinity's *Manual of Operations* specifies that officers are designated by position held.)
- ◆ Heard a report from Stewardship and Finance Chair Karen Neely that a \$5,000 donation to establish a new, general purpose endowment fund has been received.

### Memorial Garden Upgrades Update

Last August, the Property Committee announced plans to upgrade the Memorial Garden area with a paved surface, retaining wall, new drainage system and new landscaping. Work on the Garden was scheduled to begin in late fall, but this was delayed by the landscaping company when many of their seasonal workers left for the winter. The work is now scheduled for early spring.

The total cost of these improvements will be approximately \$24,000. Session approved the use of \$7,700 in memorial funds for the project, and an additional \$3,000 was already in a designated fund for the Garden. Session also approved asking the congregation for donations toward the balance of the cost. To date, we have received \$7,825 in donations, leaving \$5,475.00 needed to fully fund the project. Additional donations will be most gratefully accepted. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Bouchard at the church office or Elinor Arendt, Chair of Property.



### Prayer Requests

**Sondra Ricketts**—still having issues with vertigo

**Anne Stahr**—at Lake George Assisted Living. Webb is staying with her.

**Jim West**— continuing chemotherapy treatments for cancer

**Lou Boka** - father of Samantha Boka, who underwent treatment for cancer. Lou joins us regularly on line for worship;

**Paul Conditt** - Sarah Humfeld's father, who has health issues

**Esther Muench Plonk** - Jim Muench's mother, on hospice



### Trinity's Brotherhood Fund Provides Financial Help to Others

The Brotherhood Fund was set up by Trinity's elders as the pastor's discretionary fund that is completely confidential. It is dispensed only by the pastor and designed to help out those in our community who may be in the midst of a financial crisis. Recently, the fund was used to buy groceries for two individuals and to provide temporary lodging for someone.

Donations to the fund are always graciously accepted and may be made by check to the church office or through the online giving platform. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Bouchard at the office.

### Submissions for Trinity Times

The deadline for the March Trinity Times is February 21, 2025.

Email: [newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org](mailto:newsletter@trinity-presbyterian.org)  
Kyle Groshong is our editor.



# February

## 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			29 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	30	31 5:30pm Women in Recovery	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	<b>3</b> 9:00am PEO Chapter "LM" 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Fellowship Comm.	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Evening Circle	<b>5</b> 1:00pm Afternoon Circle 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Worship Committee	<b>7</b> 5:30pm Women in Recovery	<b>8</b> 1:00pm AAUW Book Club
<b>9</b> 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	<b>10</b> 1:00pm Garden Club 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 2:30pm PEO Chapter "JJ" 7:00pm Christian Education Comm. 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	<b>12</b> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Caring Women of COMO 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 3:30pm Loaves and Fishes	<b>14</b> 9:30am Women's Coffee Club 5:30pm Women in Recovery	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	<b>17</b> Presidents' Day - Church Office Closed	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Session	<b>19</b> 11:00am The Wardrobe 4:30pm Love Coffee Board Meeting 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 3:00pm Property Committee	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Women in Recovery	<b>22</b> Presbytery Meeting - Jefferson City 10:00am Fiber Fellowship
<b>23</b> 9:15am Classes for All Ages 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time	<b>24</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Finance & Stewardship Comm.	<b>25</b> 11:00am Missouri Symphony League 7:00pm Sacred Harp Singers	<b>26</b> 10:00am Congregational Care Committee 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Mission & Outreach Committee	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Women in Recovery	